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FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT EXCERPTS FROM ARTICLE ON PAGE TWO IN  
OTTAWA JOURNAL OF JULY 18 BY IAIN HUNER: BEGIN QUOTE

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER MITCHELL SHARP SAID TUESDAY THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT CANADA'S POSITION ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE WAS MISREPRESENTED TO THE U.S. SENATE IN JUNE. HE STATED THAT CANADA'S AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, CARCEL CADIEUX, DEPT A WATCHING BRIEF ON THE ISSUE DURING SENATE HEARINGS AND, SO FAR AS HE COULD RECALL MONDAY, HAD NOT REPORTED THAT CANADA'S POSITION WAS MISREPRESENTED... HE SAID HE HAD NOT EXAMINED THE RECORDS OF THE SENATE HEARINGS ENOUGH TO TELL IF CANADA'S POSITION AGAINST THE ALASKA PIPELINE HAD BEEN MISREPRESENTED. ALTHOUGH THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN KEEPING CHECK ON THE SENATE HEARINGS IN WASHINGTON, HE SAID, HE COULD NOT RECALL RECEIVING ANY REPORTS TO SHOW THAT SENATOR MONDALE'S CHARGES WERE CORRECT. ENERGY MINISTER DONALD MACDONALD WAS NO IN OTTAWA WHEN THE SENATE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE ALASKA PIPELINE RATHER THAN WAIT FOR ANY ALTERNATIVE ROUTE. BUT HE SAID IN A STATEMENT ISSUED FROM HALIFAX THAT IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORTS THE SENATE POSITION, THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT CAN ONLY WORK TO SECURE THE PROTECTION OF B.C.

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WATERS FROM OIL SPILLS FROM SUPERTANKERS WHICH WOULD CARRY THE

ALASKA OIL TO WASHINGTON STATE.

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, TRUDEAU SAID THAT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR HAD PASSED ON THE CORRECT POSITION OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IN OPPOSITION TO THE ALASKA PIPELINE, BUT STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW HOW RECENTLY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMED U.S. REPRESENTATIVES OF ITS POSITION.

NORTHERN AFFAIRS MINISTER JEAN CHRIETIEN STATED THAT APPROVAL BY CONGRESS OF THE ALASKA PIPELINE WILL NOT AFFECT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GAS AND OIL LINE DOWN THE MACKENZIE VALLEY. HE STATED THAT THE ALASKA LINE DEALS ONLY WITH OIL AND THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IS STILL INTERESTED IN BUILDING A GAS PIPELINE ALONG AN ALL-CANADIAN ROUTE FROM THE ARCTIC. END QUOTE.

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